

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)
amending Regulation (EEC) No /81 concerning the management
and control of certain catch quotas for 1981 for vessels flying the
flag of a Member State and fishing in the Regulatory Area defined in
the NAFO Convention

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

27 July
On 27 July 1981, the Council adopted Regulation (EEC) No 781 concerning the management and control of certain catch quotas for 1981 for vessels flying the flag of a Member State and fishing in the Regulatory Area defined in the NAFO Convention (1). These catch quotas were confirmed as the definitive quotas for the year 1981 at a special meeting of the Fisheries Commission of NAFO held from 31 March to 2 April 1981. But, following an objection to the proposal for the catch quota for cod in NAFO sub-area 3M by the Portuguese Government, a further special meeting of the NAFO Fisheries Commission was held on 25/26 June 1981.

At this meeting, the Fisheries Commission adopted a new proposal for the TAC and catch quotas in 1981 for cod in sub-area 3M. This new proposal has the advantage of commanding a consensus of approval in the Fisheries Commission and so should not provoke objections. It is linked to a long-term strategy for the conservation of cod in sub-area 3M, which is to be discussed at the annual meeting of the NAFO in September 1981. This proposal becomes a measure binding upon all Contracting Parties to the Convention on 25 August 1981 unless they have lodged an objection pursuant to Article XII of the NAFO Convention; the Commission sees no reason for an objection by the Community. The Community is bound to adopt appropriate measures to implement the catch quota provided for in this proposal.

It is the purpose of the present proposal to amend Council Regulation (EEC) to incorporate this catch quota in the Regulation.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament¹,

Whereas Annex I to Council Regulation (EEC) No - 2 includes a catch limit for Atlantic cod in NAFO sub-area 3M applicable in 1981 to vessels flying the flag of a Member State of the Community;

Whereas, at its Special Meeting on 25/26 June 1981, the NAFO Fishery Commission adopted a proposal which increased the catch quota for the said species in the said sub-area available to vessels flying the flag of a Member State of the Community,

Whereas it is therefore necessary to amend Annex I to the said Regulation;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No . . . is hereby replaced by the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

It shall apply until 31 December 1981.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels

For the Council
The President

Catch quotas for the period 1 January to 31 December 1981

Species	NAFO Division	Quotas (tonnes)
Atlantic cod	3NO 3M	210 2,405
American plaice	3LNO 3M	700 (2) 500 (1)
Yellowtail flounder	3LNO	400 (2)
Redfish	3M	1,200
Witch	3NO	50 (1)
Squid (Illex)	3 + 4	7,500 (2)

(1) This quota has not been allocated exclusively to Community vessels but to all Contracting Parties to NAFO having no specific allocation, including the Community. Fishing by Community vessels shall thus be suspended once the Community has been informed that the total quota has been exhausted.

(2) Less any quantity taken by Community vessels in the parts of NAFO sub-areas falling within areas of national fisheries jurisdiction.